

**Adoption Guidelines
FOR THE
City of Rocky Mount Animal Shelter**

1. The adoption of an animal that will place the home of adoption over the two dogs and/or two cats city ordinance limit must have an animal permit.
2. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid picture I. D.
3. All animals shall receive any inoculations required by law within seven (7) days of the adoption. Failure to show proof of these services shall result in the immediate seizure of the animal.
4. All dogs shall be listed on county property taxes as required by law.
5. If the adopter lives in rental or public housing, the facility must allow pets and the adopter shall supply landlord or manager's name and phone number for verification.
6. The adopter shall familiarize themselves with all their local ordinances, state statutes, or federal laws pertaining to their animals. – This information is available at <http://www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us> under shortcuts/municipal codes and <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us> under state statutes
7. The adopter shall pay the adoption fee of \$35.00 by check or cash at the time of adoption. Checks that are returned for insufficient funds will result in a \$25.00 service fee, plus the amount of the adoption, due in cash or money order within seven (7) days. Failure to pay this fee and the original adoption fees will result in the seizure of the animal.
8. If the animal being adopted is a female, the adopter by signing this agreement, guarantees that such animal will be sterilized within 30 days or show proof a sterilization surgery has been scheduled due the veterinarian being booked up. Failure to follow this requirement will result in the seizure of the animal in question and a forfeiture of all paid fees.
9. **You may not adopt an animal for someone else.** (This does not pertain to parents adopting animals for their children as long as they are aware they are responsible for the animal and not their child.)
10. Persons who are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs can not adopt.
11. Persons who have been convicted of dog-fighting, animal cruelty or have excessive animal ordinance violations can not adopt.
13. Aggressive animals, considered dogs that by breed or temperament are typically used for guard purposes or dog fighting, shall require a *24 hour minimum* waiting period for a background check and site visit. The Rocky Mount Animal Shelter does not adopt Pitt Bull Dogs to the public.

I agree to all the above and verify that all information given is accurate knowing that if any is proven to be false, deceptive, fabricated, or forged their will be civil/criminal consequences.

Adopter Full Name (print):_____ Date:_____

Adopter Full Name (signature):_____ Date:_____

ACO:_____

Animal #:_____